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COMMANDERS COURSE 2003: *SAFETY, TEAMWORK, ACCOUNTABILITY*

"Phenomenal," was how Illinois Wing Commander Colonel Jay R. Burrell described the 2003 Region/Wing Commanders Course, held at National Headquarters 1-8 February 2003. Major General Richard Bowling, CAP National Commander, Colonel Al Allenback, CAP Executive Director, and the Headquarters team hosted 21 commanders and vice commanders at the annual event.

Presented by the Professional Development Division and supported by all HQ CAP directorates, the Commanders Course is designed to give new region and wing commanders insight into issues of interest to them as senior commanders and as corporate officers. Attendees were offered a variety of segments covering leadership and management topics, as well as an in-depth orientation to the role and services offered by the Headquarters.

Attendees were briefed on the function and composition of CAP-USAF, recent legal issues, their responsibilities as corporate officers, and discuss CAP's entry into Homeland

Security. Attendees also held discussions with members of CAP's national leadership team. Each of these presentations was given with an eye towards the 2003 theme: *Safety, Teamwork, Accountability*.

During the seven day course, the commanders heard from CAP and Air Force leaders including CAP's National Commander, Major General Richard L. Bowling, National Vice-Commander Brigadier General Dwight Wheless, CAP's Executive Director Colonel Al Allenback, and the Commander of CAP-USAF, Colonel George Vogt. Discussions focused on leadership and management issues, with a special emphasis on future goals and objectives for the organization.

In addition, Dr. Richard Lester, Dean of Academic Affairs, Ira C. Eaker College of Professional Development, Air University, and internationally known author, gave a special presentation on command leadership.

Attendees reported that their experience at the Region/Wing Commanders Course helped them gain a greater appreciation for their role as representatives for the over 63,000 members who serve in the Air Force Auxiliary today.

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Finally, the commanders had the opportunity to visit CAP Headquarters' offices providing a chance to match faces with names of staff members and helped form bonds which will last through their tours as commanders.

The CAP Region/ Wing Commanders' Course is open to newly appointed region and wing commanders and vice-commanders. The 2003 course attendees were:

Col Charles S. Glass, MER
Col William W. Webb, GLR
Col Valerie M. Brown, SER
Col Rodney W. Ammons, LAWG
Col Jay R. Burrell, ILWG
Col Jack D. Butterfield, UTWG
Col Dion E. DeCamp, NVWG
Col Cornelius J. Flynn, III, NJWG
Col Charles D. Greene, GAWG
Col Clair D. Jowett, WIWG
Col William R. Morton, Jr., WYWG
Col James M. Rushing, TNWG
Col Margie L. Sambold, NHWG
Col Mitchell P. Sammons, MEWG
Col Russell E. Smith, IAWG
Col Roy L. Stephenson, WAWG
Col John E. Tilton, ALWG
Col Jan E. Van Hoven, MTWG
Col John J. Varljen, AZWG
Col John B. Wilkes, MSWG

Observer: (Ch) Col James H. Melancon, National Chief of the Chaplain Service

PDQ INBOX

This winter, the Professional Development Division and the Information Technology Division staff were able to add recording of the Unit Commanders Course (UCC) into the National database. As you read this edition of PDQ, this change has been incorporated into the main database as well as the E-services database for member access.

The Civil Air Patrol National Staff College (NSC) is scheduled for 20-27 September 2003 at Maxwell AFB, Gunter Annex, AL. If you are a major or above and have completed Region Staff College, please apply soon, because space is limited. More information about this year's NSC will be published in future issues of PDQ, the CAP News, the CAP web site, and in direct mailings to all eligible members and all CAP units. Join us for the capstone executive development course in the Senior Member Professional Development Program.

Don't forget to check the Professional Development Report (PDR), either by mail or on CAPWATCH, and help us update as needed. This

is CAP's official record of your members' progress.

Remember that all of the Professional Development Division's directives, and many of its other publications are available for download from CAP's web site. The directives can be downloaded in either Word or PDF format, and in most instances this is the best way to keep current on professional development directives and guidance. You can find CAP directives at www.capnhq.gov/documents/webregulations/pubsweb.htm and the Professional Development Division's other publications at www.capnhq.gov/nhq/aeroed/AEWebPage/SeniorTrainin [gnew.htm](http://www.capnhq.gov/nhq/aeroed/AEWebPage/SeniorTrainin).

AFIADL UPDATE

Recently, Professional Development Officers have asked if their members could conduct group study sessions for their AFIADL correspondence courses, such as 00013 CAP Senior Officer Course. There is no prohibition against group study, or even classes being conducted to cover the material. However, problems sometimes occur in how members are tested. To ensure that members complete their courses efficiently and ensure test integrity, please

follow these AFIADL guidelines:

1. Each member must enroll in the course separately.
2. Each member must request his or her own course exam.
3. While groups of members may test at the same time, they must be proctored in accordance with CAPR 50-4, *Test Administration and Security*.
4. AFIADL course exams are **closed book exams**. Members may not discuss questions or answers, use notes, use course materials, leave the room once the test has started, remove the test from the room, or engage in any other practice which may compromise the integrity of the test.

If you have any questions concerning AFIADL testing, please refer to CAPR 50-4, *Test Administration and Security*.

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